#### **KEY COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

- Local Emergency Planning
  Committees (LEPC) in Ada, Boise,
  Elmore and Valley counties
- Emergency management agencies
- First responders
- Volunteer organizations
- Universities and school districts
- Local businesses
- Hospitals
- Churches

#### **STATE PARTNERS**

While District 4 serves Ada, Boise, Elmore and Valley counties, the office of PHP also coordinates with state and federal agencies such as:

- Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Idaho Bureau of Disaster Services (Homeland Security)
- 101 st Weapons of Mass
  Destruction Civil Support Team
- Idaho Bureau of Hazardous
  Materials (Homeland Security)
- Idaho Health Districts

### **FEDERAL PARTNERS**

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Department of Homeland Security
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- U.S Department of Health and Human Services

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# Office of Public Health Preparedness









#### **INTRODUCTION**

The deliberate release of anthrax spores in the mail, following the terrorist's attack on September 11, 2001, highlighted the critical role public health officials have in responding to bioterrorist attacks as well as other public health emergencies. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has been charged with overseeing the nation's medical system and public health workforce in preparing to respond to any communicable disease outbreak, intentional attack or other public health emergency.

#### **WHAT WE DO**

Central District Health Department (District 4) serves Ada, Boise, Elmore and Valley counties. The Office of Public Health Preparedness (PHP) has a lead role to improve our district's ability to prepare and respond to a public health emergency. Through collaborative efforts with our service area's health professionals, first response agencies, emergency management and community partners, we are working together to protect the health and safety of Idaho citizens.

## PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS (PHP)

The PHP program focuses on specific areas of preparedness:

- Vulnerability and risk assessment
- Emergency response planning
- Readiness assessment
- Disease surveillance and epidemiology capacity
- ♦ Laboratory capacity & diagnosis
- Health Alert Network and information technology
- Risk communication and health information dissemination

### **KEY PHP ACTIVITIES**

#### **PLANNING**

Our office has taken a lead role in the following district-wide activities:

- Develop regional public health emergency response plans
- Develop and oversee emergency response exercises
- Formulate and coordinate plans to receive and manage the Strategic National Stockpile
- Planning the administration of large-scale emergency vaccination to the public

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

The PHP program will deliver education and training to key public health and health care providers in the following areas:

- Public health and bioterrorism core competencies
- Incident Command System training
- PHP will identify and train medical and non-medical volunteers needed for our emergency response plan

#### PHP VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Please contact us if you are interested in participating in our community volunteer program.

- Emergency smallpox and largescale vaccination clinics
- Strategic National Stockpile

# HRSA REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM PLANNING GROUP

We work with the region's health care system to provide the following:

- Hospital and health care preparedness
- Surge capacity to deal with mass casualty events
- Identifying funding needs for PHP